GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures the Government has taken/proposes to take to increase the efficient/optimal usage of water in domestic as well as industrial sectors; and

(b) the outcome of the said measures on the water availability in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) Water being State subject, the responsibility for efficient and optimal utilization of water resources lies with the respective State Governments. Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to the State Governments through various schemes/programmes. Several measures for development and management of water resources in an efficient manner are undertaken by the respective State Governments, which include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, rainwater harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water, adoption of better management practices etc. to cater to the domestic and industrial needs.

(b) The long term average water availability in the country is more or less constant. The recycling, efficient water use and reduction of wastages & leakages result in larger spread of available water.